

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Masanao KOHASHI et al.  
Title: POLYESTER FIBERS FOR RUBBER REINFORCEMENT AND DIPPED  
CORDS USING SAME  
Parent Appl. No.: TO BE ASSIGNED  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.21, please substitute for claim 5 the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

5. (Amended) A polyester dipped cord, which is obtainable by twisting one or more than one base yarn together into a pretwisted yarn, where the base yarn is made of a polyester fiber according to claim 1; twisting two or more pretwisted yarns together into a greige cord; and subjecting the greige cord to dip treatment to give a dipped cord simultaneously meeting the following characteristics:

- (a) tenacity conversion efficiency in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity)  $\geq 96\%$ ; and
- (b) elongation at a specific load + dry heat shrinkage  $\leq 7.5\%$ .

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendment to the claim be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

5. (Amended) A polyester dipped cord, which is obtainable by twisting one or more than one base yarn together into a pretwisted yarn, where the base yarn is made of a polyester fiber according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1; twisting two or more pretwisted yarns together into a greige cord; and subjecting the greige cord to dip treatment to give a dipped cord simultaneously meeting the following characteristics:

- (a) tenacity conversion efficiency in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity)  $\geq 96\%$ ; and
- (b) elongation at a specific load + dry heat shrinkage  $\leq 7.5\%$ .